

Case No.: ASTRX-010B



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): James Castillo)	Confirmation No. 8369
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Serial No.: 10/067,498)	Art Unit: 3764
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Filed: February 4, 2002)	Examiner: Michael A. Brown
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Title: JOINT BRACE WITH MULTI-PLANAR PIVOTING ASSEMBLY...)	
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is a response to the Final Office Action mailed March 22, 2005 in relation to the above-identified patent application. In that Office Action, all of the pending claims 1-12 of the application were rejected solely under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 of United States Patent No. 6,796,951.

Pursuant thereto, Applicant is submitting a Terminal Disclaimer in relation to the subject application over United States Letters Patent No. 6,796,951.

It is respectfully submitted that the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer eliminates the double-patenting rejection of the Examiner and hence the application is in a condition for allowance. A reconsideration and allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

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